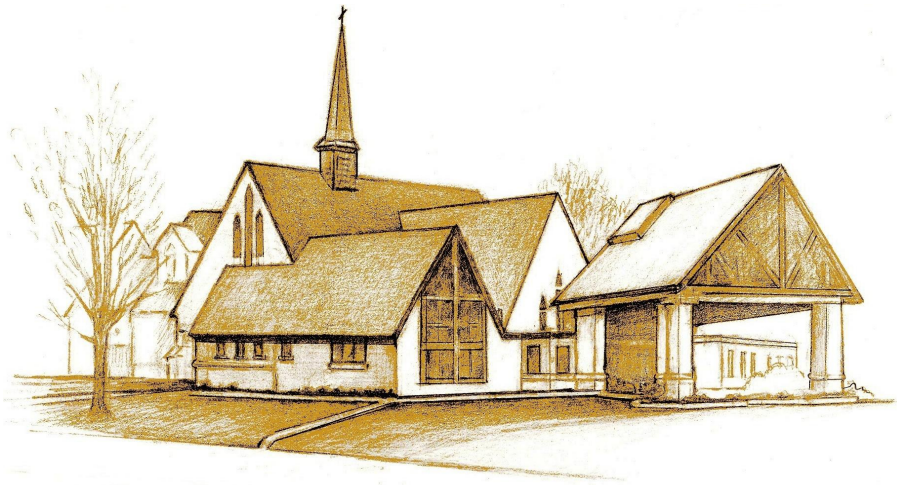


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Faith Lutheran Church  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- congregation kneel or sit as you are able.



- congregation sings.

Congregation responds in **bold print**.

*If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.*

## **Reminders in Preparation for Service:**

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggly room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

**Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

**College Students:** Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

## **Pre-service Music**



**HYMN:       “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” - LSB #378**

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.  
**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**



**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



## INTROIT PSALMODY

*John 1:14; Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12*



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His | glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

**Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;  
His understanding is beyond | measure.

**But the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear Him,  
in those who hope in His | steadfast love.**

Praise the Lord, O Jer- | usalem!  
Praise your God, O | Zion!

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB #946)



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor-ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## Old Testament

## + READINGS +

## 1 Kings 3:4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.

And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL VERSE



The child grew and became strong, | filled with wisdom.  
And the favor of God was up- | on him.

*Luke 2:40*

**(Alleluias are repeated)**

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the second chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**Children's Lesson**     Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*



**HYMN:**                    “Within the Father’s House” - *LSB #410*



**SERMON:**     Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn  
*Director of Vicarage and Internship, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne*

## Gathering of the Offering

*Did you know that your offering reminds you that all we have is  
God's and we are managers or stewards of his gifts?*

Scan to Give







## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### + SACRAMENT + (LSB p. 194)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

☪ **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

☪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

☪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

### PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)



**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.


**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI (*LSB* p. 198)

 **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

**"The Only Son From Heaven" - *LSB* #402**

**"As With Gladness Men of Old" - *LSB* #397**

**"From God the Father, Virgin-Born" - *LSB* #401**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (LSB p. 199)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation;  
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth forever.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**



Amen.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**



Amen, amen, amen.

Welcome and Announcements

**HYMN:**            **"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - LSB #394, stanzas 1, 3 and 5**

1.       **Song of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**
  
3.       **Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill.  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**
  
5.       **Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
May we imitate Thee now  
And be pure as pure art Thou  
That we like to Thee may be  
At Thy great Epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Postlude**           **"The People That in Darkness Sat" - arr. Paul Manz**

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